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MIGHTY TV COMIC

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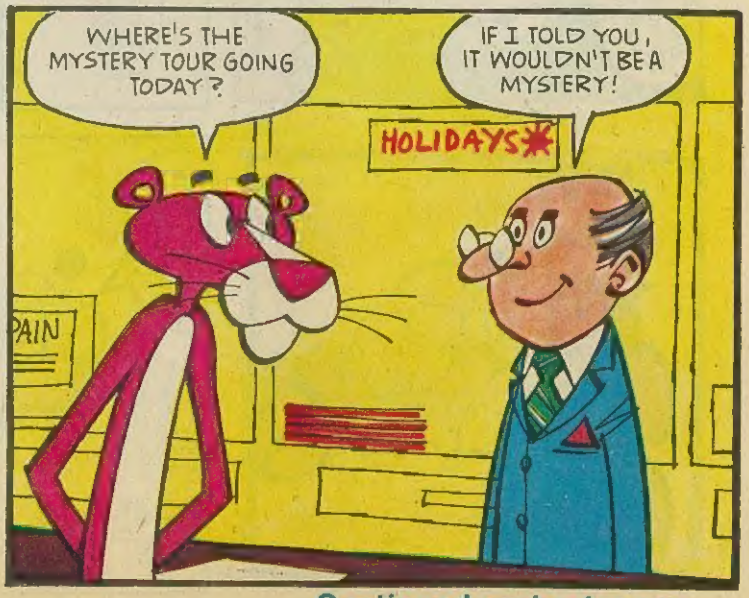

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Tom and Jerry

POOR OLD TOM HAS GOT THE *MOLAR MISERIES!*

THROB! THROB!

IT'S NO GOOD TOM, YOU WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE DENTIST!

I MUST DO SOMETHING TO HELP TOM GET RID OF HIS TOOTHY TROUBLE!

SARDINES

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

IT'S NO GOOD. I'LL JUST GO IN AND SAY TAKE IT OUT.

RING!

I.PULLEM DENTIST.

I'VE GOT IT!

SARDINES

THIS SHOULD SORT TOM'S TOOTH TROUBLE OUT.

LOOK AT WHAT TOM'S DONE TO ME.

DON'T WORRY, JERRY. I'LL SOON SORT DAT CAT OUT!

THANK YOU, MR PULLEM, IT FEELS GREAT!

BOK!

LOOKS AS THOUGH OLD TOM WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE DENTIST NOW TO HAVE SOME TEETH PUT *IN!* *TEE! HEE!*

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BARNEY BEAR

OKAY, MOOSE, BOWL!

CRACK!

I MUST CATCH IT!

HA! HA! YOU ARE A BUTTER FINGERS, MOOSE!

I'M IN CRACKING FORM FOR TOMORROW'S MATCH AGAINST THE ARMY TEAM!

I'M NOT GOOD AT CRICKET!

NEXT DAY...

WE'RE A MAN SHORT! WILL YOUR FRIEND PLAY FOR US?

OF COURSE HE WILL!

I ER...

SO...

OUCH!

WHACK!

AND...

OW!

TIME FOR TEA! I'LL CONTINUE MY BRILLIANT INNINGS AFTERWARDS!

AREN'T YOU HAVING TEA, MOOSE?

NO - I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER TO DO!

LATER...

I WONDER WHAT MOOSE WAS DOING WHILE WE WERE HAVING TEA?

YOU CAN HIT AS MANY AS YOU LIKE THIS WAY NOW, BARNEY! THESE ARMY SAND-BAGS CAME IN HANDY!

MEVIN

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MIGHTY MOTH

DAD HAS GOT RID OF MIGHTY MOTH, BUT MILLY MOTH HAS TAKEN OVER...

I'VE GOTTA GET RID OF THAT MOTH!

DON'T JUST SIT THERE! HELP ME GET RID OF HER!

BUT MA! I CAN'T SWAT A LADY!

BAH!

I'M GOING OUT THIS EVENING. I'D BETTER START MY BEAUTY TREATMENT!

THAT'S MY HAIR WASHED...

NOW I'LL PUT ON A MUD PACK. IT'S GOOD FOR MY COMPLEXION!

MUD PACK

MY GOODNESS SHE LOOKS GHASTLY!

KNOCK-KNOCK!

IT'S MIGHTY MOTH!

IS MILLY IN? I'VE BOUGHT HER SOME CLOTH CHOCS!

CLOTH CHOCS

YES, OLD CHUM COME ON IN!

IDEA!

EERK!

WHY, MIGHTY! ARE THEY FOR ME?

WELL THEY WERE, BUT AFTER SEEING YOU I THINK I'LL EAT THEM MYSELF!

CLOTH CHOCS

REALLY! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN ALL MY LIFE!

I WON'T STAY IN THIS HOUSE A MOMENT LONGER!

PEACE AT LAST!

GOOD OLD MIGHTY! *HA! HA! HA!*

MISSED, DAD! *HO! HO! HO!*

THE BAKERS' DOZEN

DAD BAKER AGE UNKNOWN
MUM BAKER NOT GOOD AS DAD
NANCY 12 YRS.
HERBERT 11 YRS.
"PRECIOUS" 10 YRS.
SUSY 9 YRS.
"TANKY" 8 YRS.
BILLY 7 YRS.
JILL AND JACK TWINS - BOTH 5.
"TOOFY" 2 YRS.
"BARKER" 3 YRS
"WHISKERS" 9 LIVES
SIR EDWARD 99 YRS.

WHAT'S GOING ON NEXT DOOR?
HUP, BOY!
THUMP!
BUMP!
HA! HA!
GOOD BOY, BARKER!

WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?
WE'RE TEACHING BARKER A FEW TRICKS.

SAY 'HALLO' TO DAD, BARKER.
GER-WOOF!

SLURP!
SLURP!
ISN'T HE CLEVER, DAD?

BAH!
QUICK, BARKER, DAD'S A BURGLAR!

GER-R-R-R-R WOOF! WOOF!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT, DAD? GREAT, ISN'T IT?
SNARL! GER-R-R!

CAN BARKER FETCH THINGS?
YES, OF COURSE HE CAN!

GOOD! FETCH MY SLIPPER!

GOOD BOY, BARKER. THANK YOU.
WHAT DOES HE WANT THAT FOR?

NOW — ANY MORE NOISE OUT OF YOU LOT — AND I'LL USE THIS.
GLARE!
GLARE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG — THEY WON'T SPEAK TO ME NOW.

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READERS' JOKES

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JULIA DALTON, ROCHDALE.
SWIMMING BATHS
KEEP THIS DOOR CLOSED
GOODNESS— YOU MUST HAVE A LOT OF MOTHS, MISS!
"...AND SIX PACKETS OF MOTHBALLS PLEASE!
NO— JUST ONE, BUT I NEVER SEEM TO BE ABLE TO HIT IT!!
STEPHANIE SPEAR, CARDIFF.
WE'RE SAFE, BUT I RECKON IT'S GOING TO BE AWFULLY LONELY!!
SAMUEL SMYTH, ANTRIM, N.I.
OK, MUM! LETS GET ON WITH MY BATH!
SUSAN SUTTON, BIRMINGHAM.
GERARD MORRISSEY, BLACKBURN.
MANAGER PLEASE RING
IN MY OPINION YOU ARE STILL DRINKING TOO MUCH!
X-RAY
JOHN GILHOOLEY, A READER.
JET!
CARPET MAN
THESE DAYS WE KEEP UP WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY, ABDUL!
SIMON T. CLAY, MANSFIELD.

Puzzle-it-out!

No 1. This problem is very hard. If these pieces of string are pulled you will see that there are only two real knots. Which two?

No 2. If you are good at arithmetic see if you can rewrite these sums as they should be. In place of each star you have to put a number, and in the last line, one of the stars represents a plus or minus sign. It looks very difficult, but you will find that it is quite easy.

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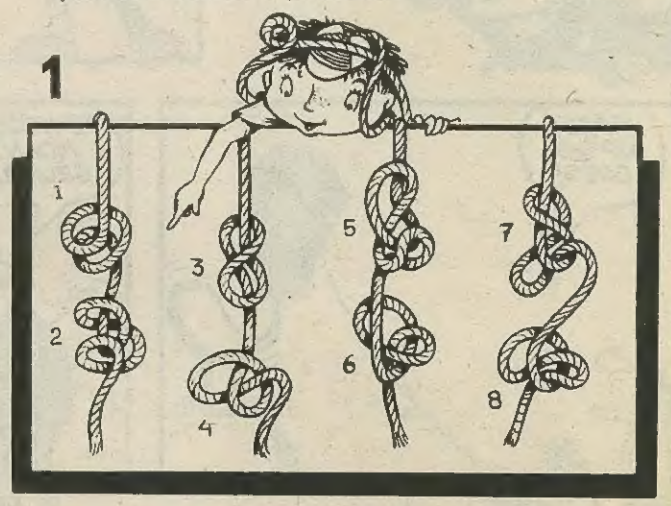

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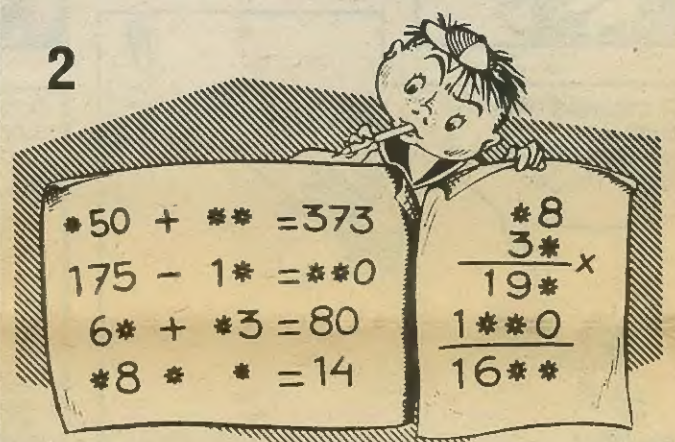

ANSWERS

No 1. 4 and 7 are real knots.

No 2.

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175	15	160	34×	
67	13	30	192	
18	−4	14	1440	
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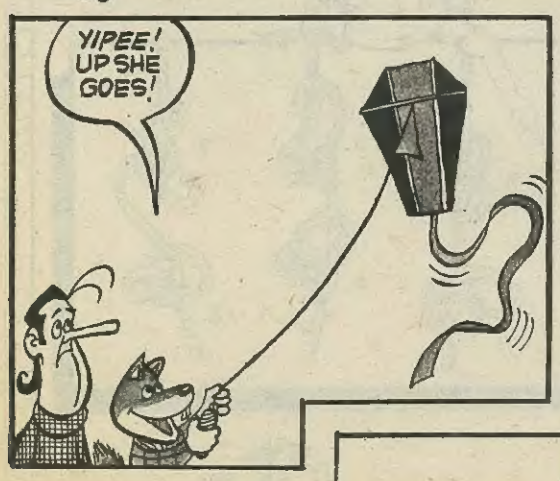
BASIL BRUSH

COME ON, CHUMMERS, WE'RE GOING TO FLY MY KITE!
AW, GUV, IT'S TOO COLD AND GUSTY FOR THAT!

DON'T BE DAFT! YOU NEED A STRONG WIND FOR KITE FLYING! WE'RE GOING TO THE COMMON!

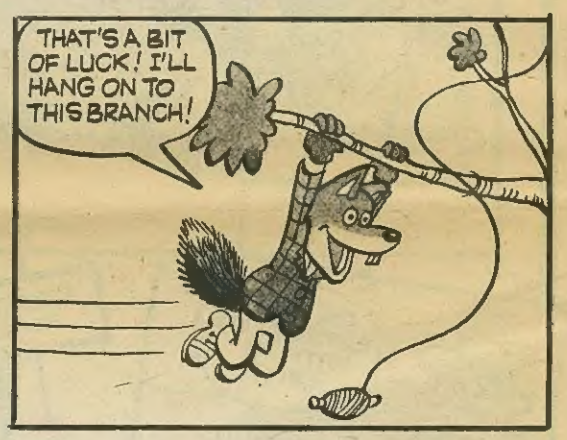

YIPEE! UP SHE GOES!

I'M COLD! MOAN! GRUMBLE!
OH, STOP MOANING, CHUMMERS! THIS IS FUN!

HELP!

OH, CRUMBS, THE GUY'S NOT 'EAVY ENOUGH! 'IS KITE'S TAKIN' 'IM UP!

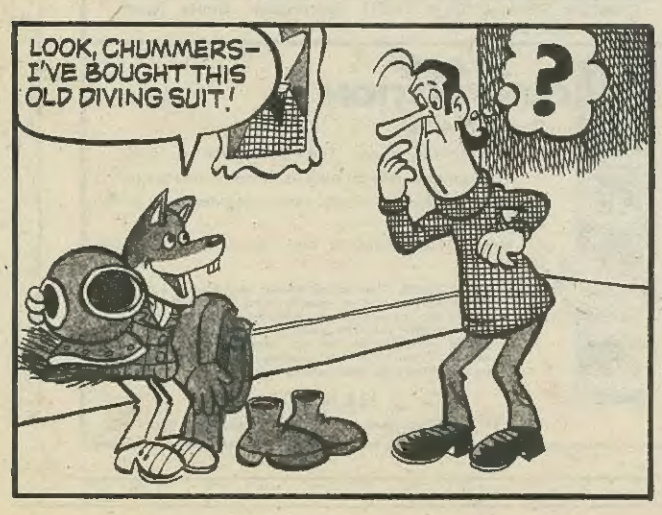
DON'T LET GO, GUV! YOU'RE TOO 'IGH!
I KNOW, BUT HOW DO I GET DOWN?


THAT'S A BIT OF LUCK! I'LL HANG ON TO THIS BRANCH!

SOON...
THANKS FOR THE RESCUE, CHUMMERS!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, GUV!

I SHOULDN'T TAKE THE KITE OUT ANYMORE, GUV- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

BUT...
AH! THE VERY THING!
£5
JUNK SHOP


LOOK, CHUMMERS- I'VE BOUGHT THIS OLD DIVING SUIT!
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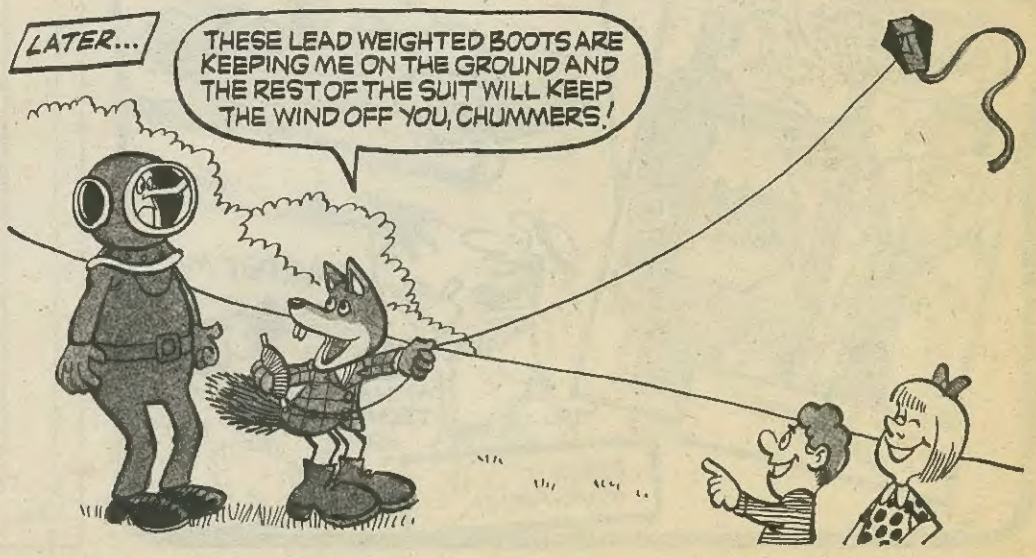
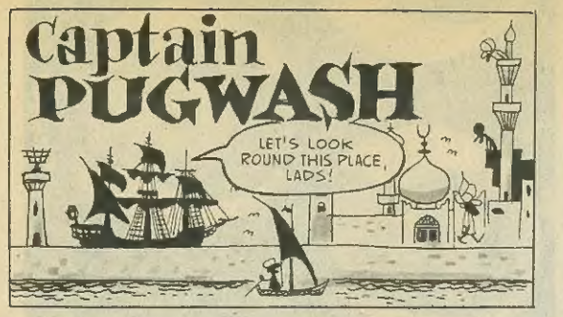
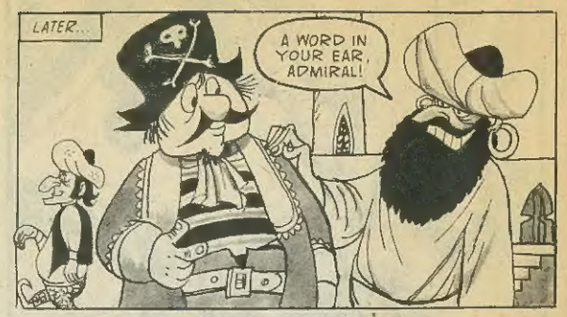
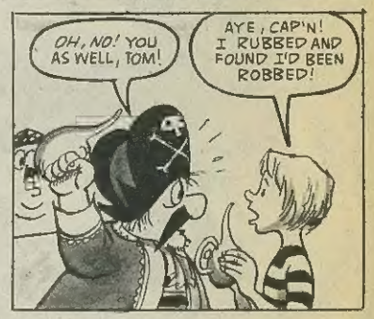

LATER...
THESE LEAD WEIGHTED BOOTS ARE KEEPING ME ON THE GROUND AND THE REST OF THE SUIT WILL KEEP THE WIND OFF YOU, CHUMMERS!

Captain PUGWASH

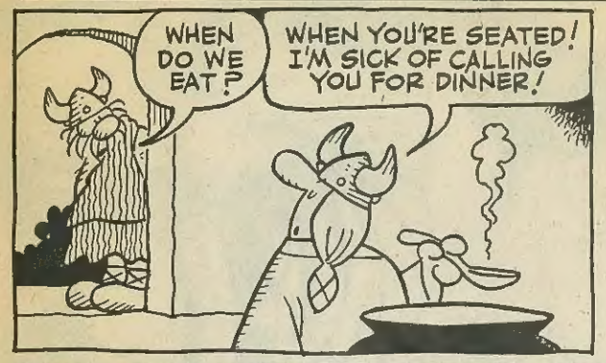


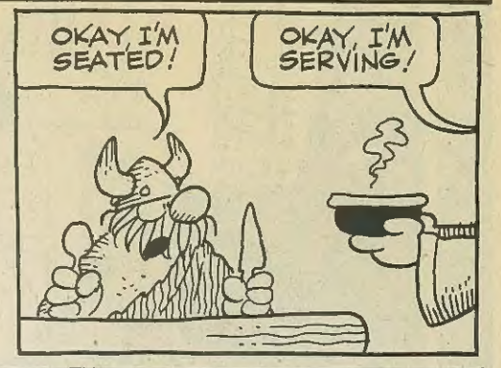


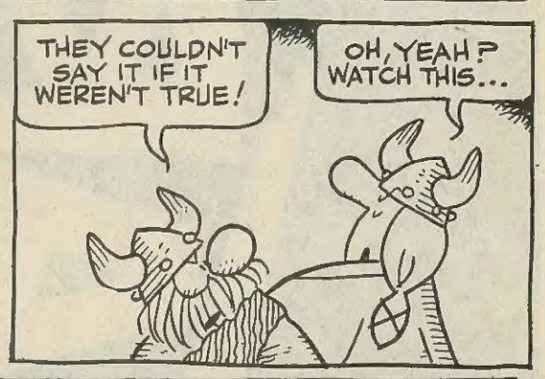


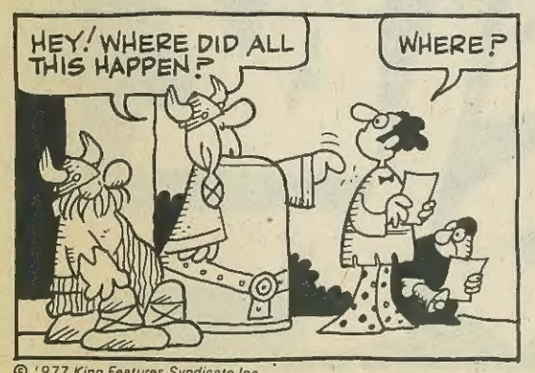
HÄGAR The Horrible

by DIK BROWNE









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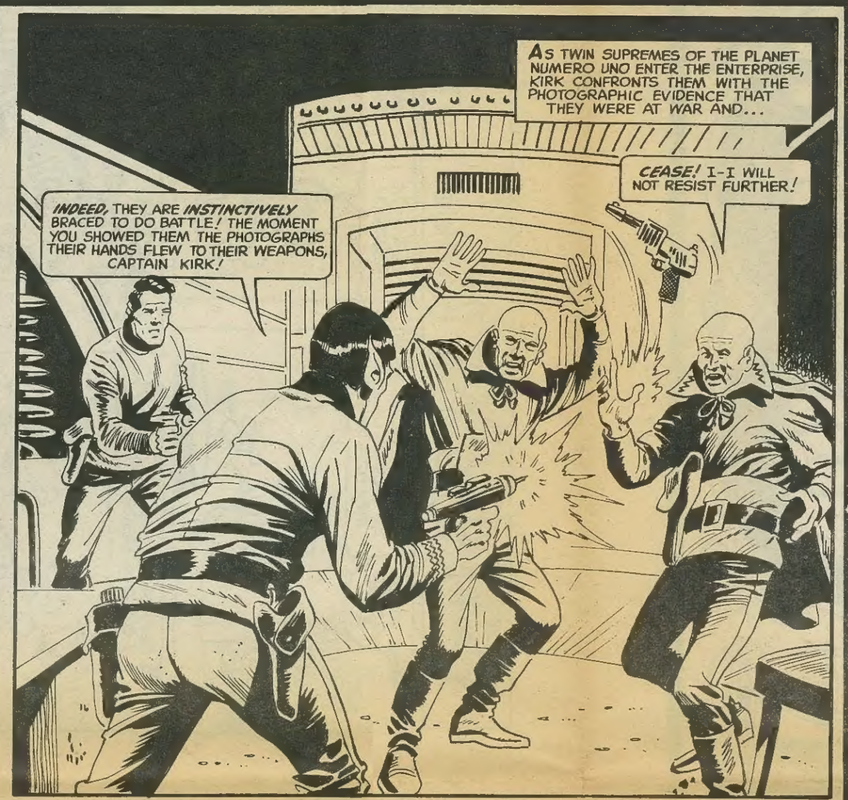
STAR TREK

The GHOST PLANET


AS TWIN SUPREMES OF THE PLANET NUMERO UNO ENTER THE ENTERPRISE, KIRK CONFRONTS THEM WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE AT WAR AND...
INDEED, THEY ARE INSTINCTIVELY BRACED TO DO BATTLE! THE MOMENT YOU SHOWED THEM THE PHOTOGRAPHS THEIR HANDS FLEW TO THEIR WEAPONS, CAPTAIN KIRK!
CEASE! I-I WILL NOT RESIST FURTHER!

ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO CHARACTERS! YOU WERE BATTLING EACH OTHER, WEREN'T YOU? EACH FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF PLANET NUMERO UNO!
Y-YES...

WHY NOT? IF WE MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RETURN FROM THE SATELLITES YOU'LL JUST SLAUGHTER YOURSELVES ANYWAY!
BUT WE CANNOT DO THAT! THERE ARE NO WEAPONS LEFT!

...LEAVE VISUAL DETECTORS OVER OUR MANUFACTURING AREAS! FROM SPACE YOU CAN OBSERVE US FOR YEARS! IF WE START TO BUILD AGAIN YOU CAN DESTROY US BY TIME DEVICES LEFT BEHIND!

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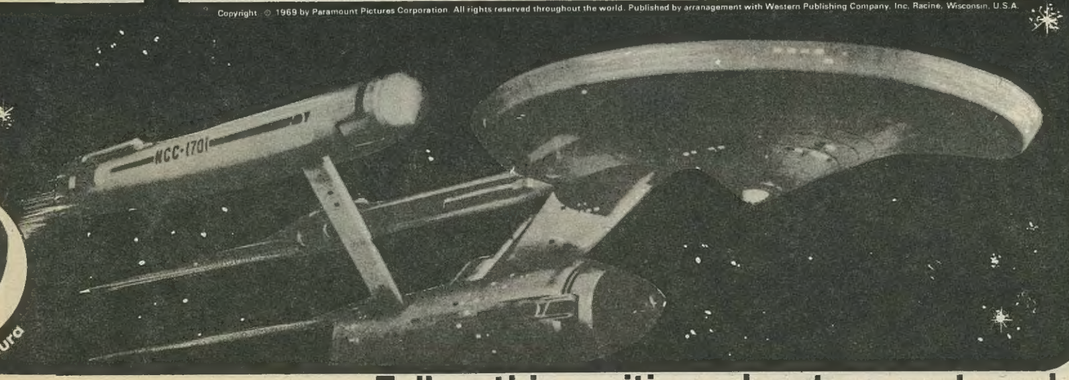

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I-SPY

14 MILLION CARS

YOU couldn't count all the cars in this country — there are over 14 million of them. Altogether there are more than 18 million vehicles; apart from cars they include lorries, vans, motorbikes, scooters, ambulances, invalid carriages and tractors.

When you remember that the first cars appeared about 1900 it's amazing to think that we now have one car for every four people in this country. Soon it will be one car for every three people. Are cars taking over?

Many of the cars you see today come from abroad, and we export abroad, too.

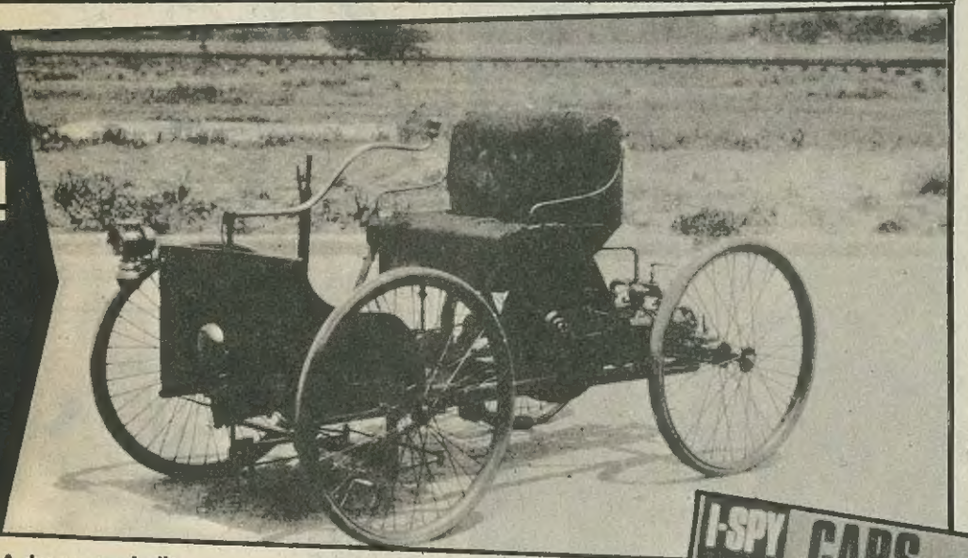
Can you recognize a car as soon as you see it? Here are a few to start you looking . . .

MGB GT. It's 1798cc and tops 100 mph with ease. It does 26 mpg, has a laminated screen, 5 mph impact absorbing bumpers, reversing lamps and halogen headlamps. There's a driving mirror on each door and an anti-dazzle mirror inside. It can turn in a 32 foot circle.

The new Vauxhall Chevette Saloon has the famous Vauxhall front-end. This is the GLS. I-SPY its sports-type wheels, front and rear over-riders and double waist-stripes.

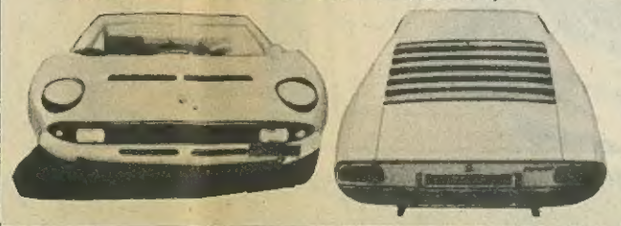
ONE OF THE FIRST!

This vehicle, built by Henry Ford in 1896, was one of the first attempts at putting the world on wheels. It's a motorized four-wheeled cycle. Look out for any early car of any description.



Lamborghini P400 "Miura". A dream car built by an Italian tractor firm (their trade mark is a fighting bull from the famous Miura herd). Score also for the 400 GT. Both have bodies designed by Bertone, V12 cylinder engines, and top speeds of between 150 and 160 mph!

LAMBORGHINI P 400 "MIURA" (Front and back views)



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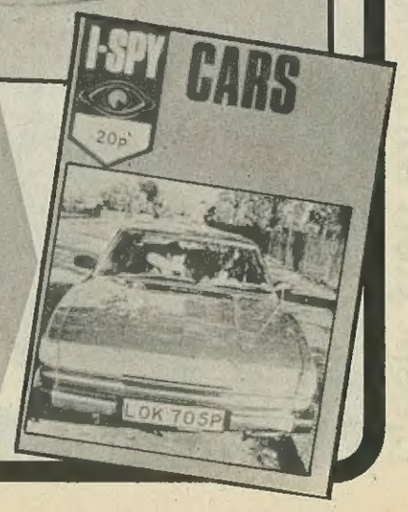

Dr WHO

in 'THE FIRE FEEDERS'

Zandans — hostile, living heat cells from space — are multiplying by feeding on the flames of a massive blaze. Meanwhile, Doctor Who returns to an isolated house that contains solar ray apparatus used to beam the aliens to earth. After finding the means to destroy them, he blows up all equipment. But . . . in the blast . . .

I'M TRAPPED... UNLESS I CAN REACH THE WINDOW...

AND...

THE DRAINPIPE... IT WILL SAVE ME JUMPING AND BREAKING MY NECK!

NOT FAR AWAY...

MOMENTS LATER...

THERE GO THE ELECTRIC CIRCUITS... *NNGH!*

TOO LATE TO STOP THE ZANDAN INVASION. I NEED TRANSPORT...

DESTROY THE EARTHLINGS, THEIR FUTILE WEAPONS CANNOT HARM US...

AAAAAAGH!

THIS IS CAPTAIN McSWEEN! ALL UNITS TO PULL BACK...

INSPECTOR KEEL...

SOMEONE'S REPORTED AN EXPLOSION... AT A HOUSE TWO MILES AWAY! IT MUST BE THE WORK OF THESE FIRE DEVILS...

...OR DOCTOR WHO! CAPTAIN, WE *HAVE* TO CHECK IT OUT!

SO...

THE DOCTOR WARNED ME OF A SOLAR RAY... AT AN OLD HOUSE! I THINK WE'VE FOUND IT...

DARENT GO ANY FASTER!

SUDDENLY...

WHAT...?

IT'S THE DOCTOR!

OOOOMPH!

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THE EDITOR'S Letterbox

Dear Editor,
My name is Peter Harvey. I am 12 years old. Here is a photo of me with my brother Martin, who is 10, as we are coming out of Church. We go every Sunday, and like it. I think TV COMIC is great — my favourite story is Dr Who. I'd love to see my photo in your comic

Peter Harvey, Tottenham N.15

Dear Editor,
I would like to tell you about my hobby which is bell-ringing. I go with my brother Malcolm three times a week. I can ring 200 changes of a plain hunt and 40 changes of a bob doubles. I can only ring the treble and I am learning to ring bell number two as well.

Robert (Bob) Saunders
Windsor, Berks

Sounds all clever stuff to me. I hope you don't drop too many clangers! Editor.

Dear Editor,
My name is Paul, I am 9. My sister is 11 and her name is Pamela and we like you to put a Crossword in TV COMIC

P. Green, Stanmore

Dear Editor,
While I sat reading TV COMIC, I thought of a joke. A man walks into an evening class for weight-lifting. The Instructor comes up to him and asks, "What's the most you've ever lifted?" "2,000 pounds," replied the man. "Gosh, that must be a record. Where did you lift that?" gasped the Instructor. "From Barclays Bank, last week — I'm a bank robber." I hope you like the joke, 'cos I need the quid bad. My favourite features are Mighty Moth, Barney Bear and Tom and Jerry. Bye, Bye,

Annette Doughty
High Wycombe, Bucks

Dear Editor,
My name is Linda Hughes, and my favourite hobby is collecting miniature glass animals which I keep in my bedroom. I have 41 altogether. I am looking for a glass model of Pink Panther. I think TV COMIC is smashing

From

Linda Hughes,
Poole, Dorset.

I'm glad that it's TV COMIC that is smashing and not your collection. Editor.

Dear Editor,
I like reading your comic very much — but the trouble is, so does my Dad, and I have a job trying to get it from him. I think you ought to start a comic for grown-ups, then they would leave my comics alone. My favourite character is Pink Panther and my Dad likes Tom and Jerry best. Love from

Peter Langton,
Croydon, Surrey

Peter. That should teach you to get up early in the morning and catch the paper boy before Dad does.

Editor.

Dear Editor,
My name is Sonia Coupland and I am eight years old and my favourite story in TV COMIC was Bugs Bunny. I also like Barney Bear. We are moving into a club called Morley Working Men's Club. My hobby is playing records. This is a picture of me.

Sonia Coupland
Morley, Yorkshire

You know, I've never heard of a Working WOMEN'S Club. Do you think that's because women don't work like men. (I'd love to hear what your mum has to say about that . . .!).

Editor.

Dear 'Mighty' Readers,
We love to receive letters and photographs from you and they are all read with great interest, and we are only sorry that they cannot all be published There is a prize of £1 for every letter or photograph published Sorry, but photographs cannot be returned.
Editor.

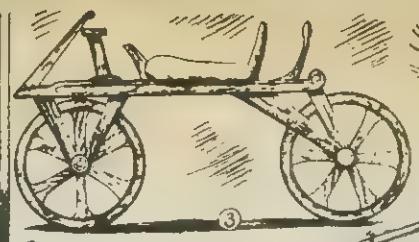
Write to:— Editor's LETTERBOX, Mighty TV COMIC, 382/386 Edgware Road, London, W2 1EP.

DID YOU KNOW ???

THE BICYCLE

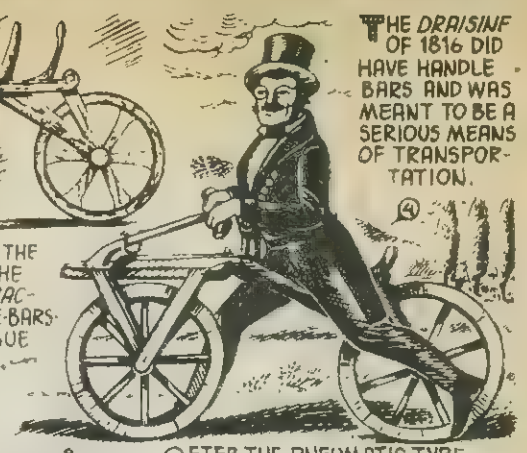
FREIHERR *KARL DRAIS VON SAUERBRONIN* IS HELD TO BE THE INVENTOR OF THE BICYCLE (1816), BUT IN 1923 THESE BICYCLE-LIKE REMAINS OF THE 2ND CENTURY WERE FOUND NEAR THE *PORTA CAPENA* IN ROME

AND ON A STAINED GLASS CHURCH-WINDOW OF 1642 IN ERNWICK A TRUMPETING ANGEL IS REPRESENTED ON A TWO-WHEELER.

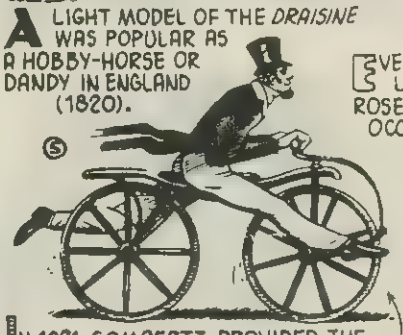


A SHORT TIME BEFORE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION THE *CÉLÉRIFÈRE* OF *DE SIVRAC* WHICH HAD NO HANDLE-BARS WAS VERY MUCH IN VOGUE WITH PARIS STUDENTS.

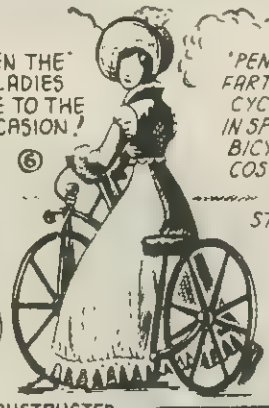
THE *DRAISINE* OF 1816 DID HAVE HANDLE BARS AND WAS MEANT TO BE A SERIOUS MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.



A LIGHT MODEL OF THE *DRAISINE* WAS POPULAR AS A HOBBY-HORSE OR DANDY IN ENGLAND (1820).



EVEN THE LADIES ROSE TO THE OCCASION!



'PENNY-FARTHING' CYCLIST IN SPECIAL BICYCLE-COSTUME.

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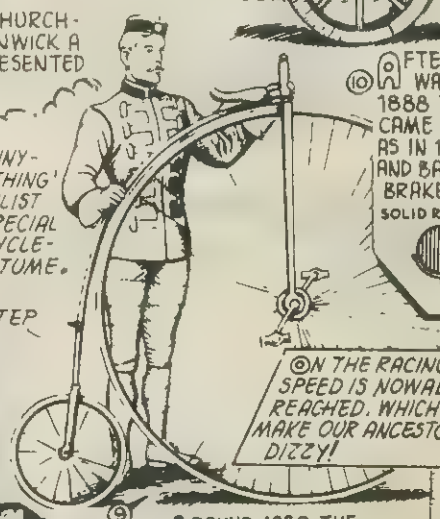
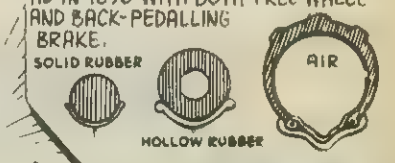
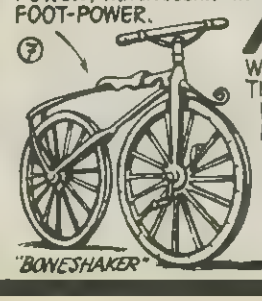


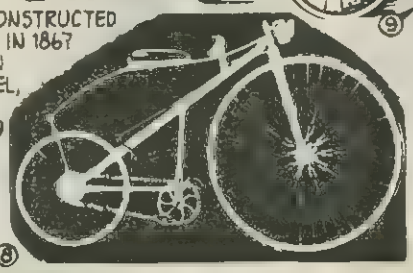
AFTER THE PNEUMATIC TYRE WAS INVENTED BY *DUNLOP* IN 1888 THE MODERN BICYCLE CAME INTO BEING, AND AS EARLY AS IN 1890 WITH BOTH FREE WHEEL AND BACK-PEDALLING BRAKE.



IN 1821 *GOMPERTZ* PROVIDED THE BICYCLE WITH LEVERS FOR ARM-POWER; *MACMILLAN* IN 1839 FOR FOOT-POWER.

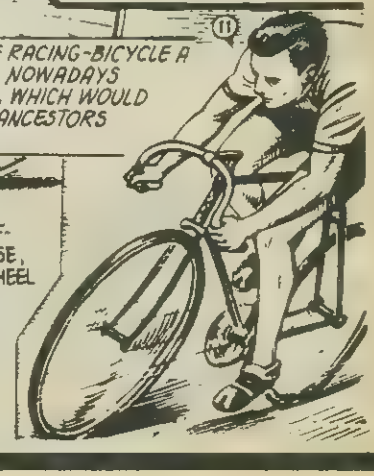


MICHAUX CONSTRUCTED A BICYCLE IN 1867 WITH PEDALS ON THE FRONT WHEEL, WITH *LAWSON'S* BICYCLE IN 1879 THE PEDALS ACTUATE THE HIND-WHEEL BY MEANS OF A CHAIN.



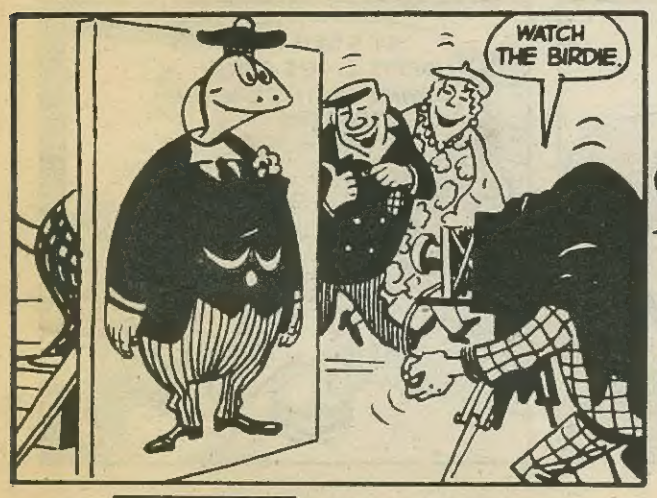
AROUND 1880 THE *VÉLOCIPÈDE* OF *TRUFFAULT* CAME INTO USE, WITH A HIGH FRONT WHEEL (TO INCREASE SPEED). IT HAD BALL-BEARINGS AS WELL AND HOLLOW RIMS WITH MASSIVE RUBBER TYRES.

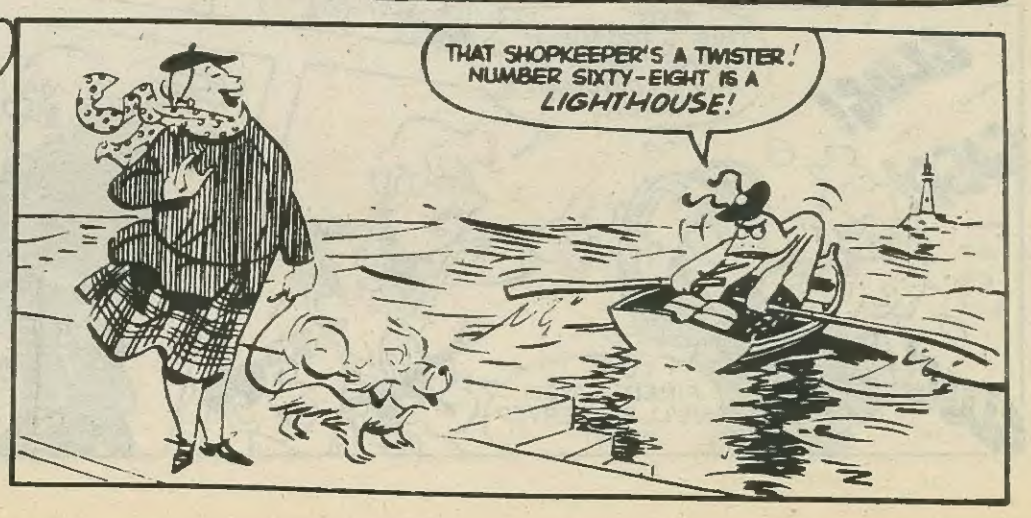
ON THE RACING-BICYCLE A SPEED IS NOWADAYS REACHED, WHICH WOULD MAKE OUR ANCESTORS DIZZY!



LOCHY

THE FUNNY WEE MONSTER





TV Terrors

MISTER THORBURN HAS PROMISED TO LET US WATCH HIS COLOUR TELLY IF WE FETCH A CAN OF PETROL FOR HIM!

COO! QUAD STAMPS TOO!

QUAD STAMPS

YEEK! LOOK WHO THE PUMP ATTENDANT IS... HOPPIT!

JUST MAKING A LITTLE EXTRA POCKET MONEY, TERRORS!

AND IT'S QUAD WHUMPS AT THIS GARAGE NOW! HO-HO!

YAAGH! HOPPIT MUST THINK HE'S A WHUMP ATTENDANT!

WHUMP!

WHUMP!

WHUMP!

WHUMP!

NOW FOR MY COFFEE BREAK. I CAN DO FORTY WHUMPS TO THE GALLON ON THIS STUFF!

LET'S SEE IF HOPPIT LIKES FORTY LUMPS TO THE GALLON! SNIGGER!

ONE MORE CUPPA THEN IT'S BACK TO THE GRAFT!

TCH! TCH! IS THE COFFEE TOO SWEET FOR YOU, HOPPIT?

YAAGH! GASP-GASP!

HAVE SOME OF OUR ACID DROPS, HOPPIT! THAT'LL TAKE THE SICKLY TASTE AWAY!

?

HULLO! MAYBE THE ACID DROPS WERE TOO BITTER!

THEY'RE DEHYDRATING, HOPPIT!

!

GASP! GASP! WATER! MUST HAVE WATER!

?!?

HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA?

SNATCH!

GLUG!

GASP!

GLUG!

GRR! THIS IS TOO MUCH! YOU'RE FIRED! THAT WAS A CUSTOMER'S WATER!

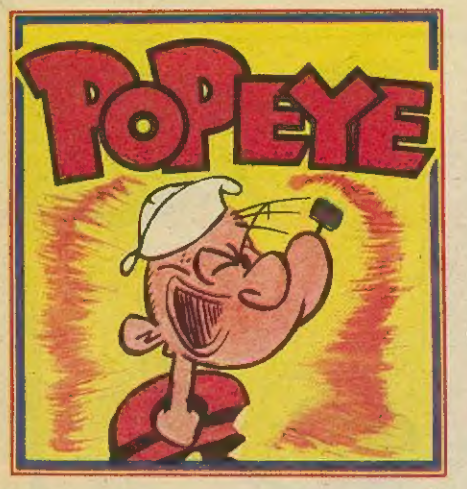
COO! FIRED! MAYBE WE'LL BE SERVED NOW!

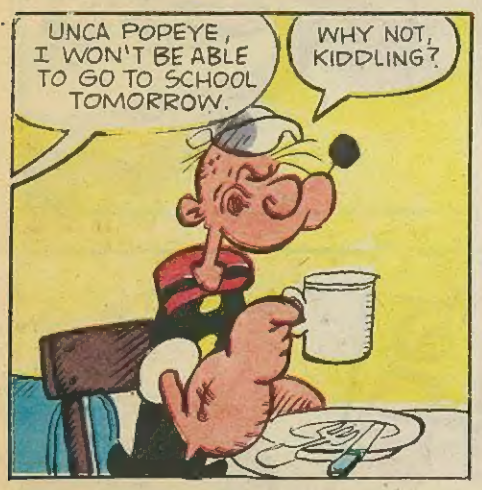
I DON'T THINK HOPPIT'S SWEET ON US ANY MORE, CHUMS!

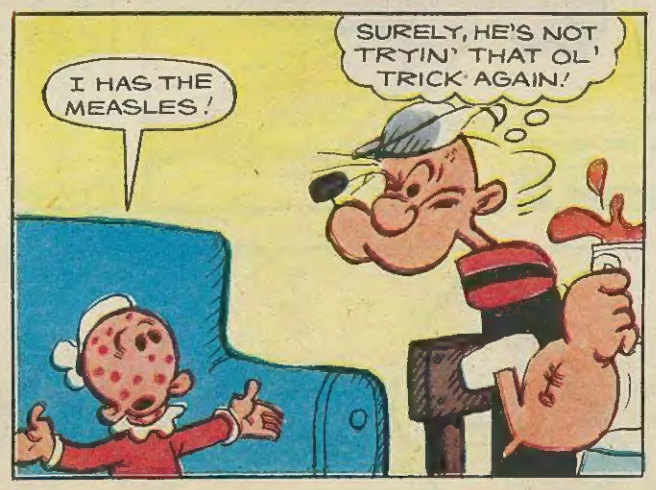
HE'S HITTING US WITH ACID LOOKS!

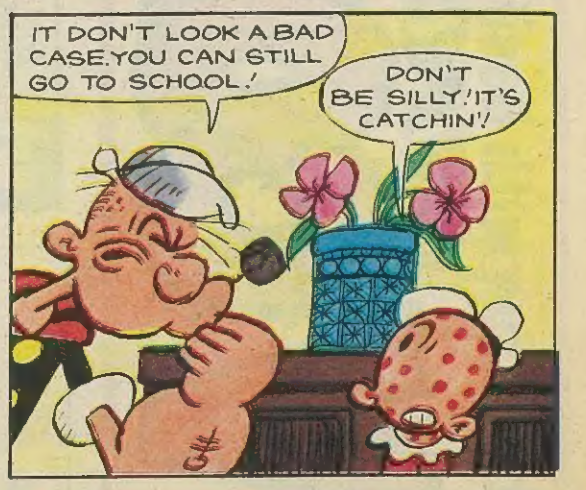
GRR! IF THAT LOT DON'T DRY UP, WHY I'LL... I'LL...

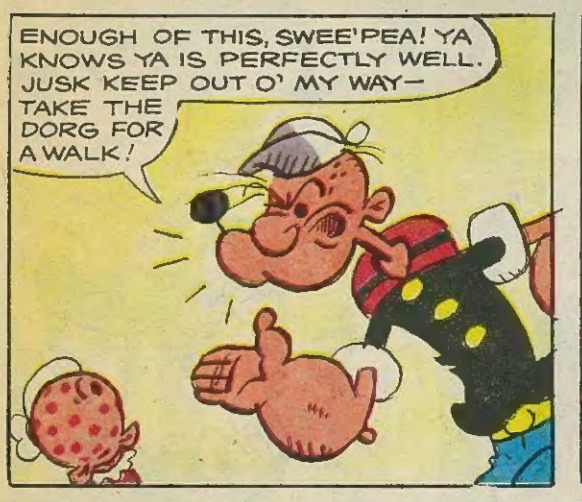
QUAD STAMPS



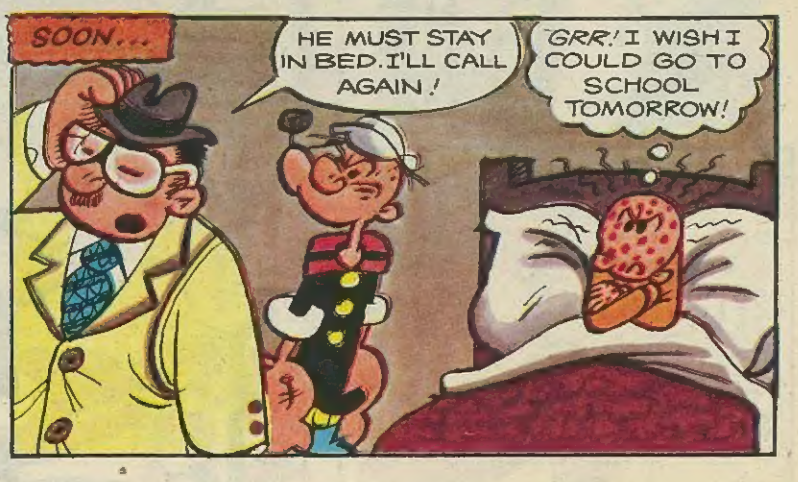








MY PATIENCE IS EXHAUSTIPATED! GO AN' WASH THOSE SPOTS OFF AT ONCE, WHILE I READS MY PAPER!
I SHOULD KEEP AWAY FROM THAT PAPER, UNCA!



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IT'S USUALLY A VISIT TO A LOCAL CRAFT WORKS AND VISITORS CAN JOIN IN!
I'LL GO!
SO...
THIS IS EXCITING! I WONDER WHERE WE'LL END UP?
AN HOUR LATER...
THIS LOOKS GOOD!
POTTERY
WOULD ANYONE LIKE A TRY AT MAKING A POT?
YES, PLEASE!
I ENJOYED THAT! I THINK I'LL GO AGAIN TOMORROW!
NEXT DAY...
WHAT LOCAL CRAFT ARE WE VISITING TODAY?
AH! THAT'D BE TELLING!
I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHERE WE'RE GOING!
AN HOUR LATER...
RIGHT! EVERYONE OUT!
EAKMOOR PRISON
COLLECT YOUR PICK-AXES OVER THERE! HURRY!
KEEP GOING! FASTER! FASTER!
THESE THINGS ARE NEVER AS GOOD THE SECOND TIME!

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